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ROME FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN;

PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL AND AVERY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ILO

SUBJECT: ILO WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE

REF: GENEVA 0800

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 REFTTEL, INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY SUB-GROUP OF WORKING PARTY HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING FOR A WHOLLY ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE GOVERNING BODY WHICH WOULD NEVERTHELESS ASSURE CONTINUITY OF MEMBERSHIP BY THE STATES OF CHIEF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE WHICH NOW FILL NON-ELECTIVE SEATS.

2. IF HAS PREPARED A STATEMENT QUOTED BELOW WHICH SETS OUT THE ELEMENTS OF THE ELECTION PROCESS TO ACHIEVE THAT OBJECTIVE. THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY SUB-GROUP WILL PRESENT THE STATEMENT TO THE MEETING OF THE FULL GOVERNMENT GROUP OF THE WORKING PARTY AT 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY,  
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FEBRUARY 6. THE STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

"1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED WAYS TO AMENDING ARTICLE 7 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL THE GOVERNMENT SEATS IN THE GOVERNING BODY ARE APPOINTED BY AN ELECTORAL PROCESS, WHILE CONTINUING TO PAY DUE REGARD TO THE CONCEPT OF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE AND ENSURING CONTINUITY OF MEMBERSHIP.

"2. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL IS PUT FORWARD:

"A. THE GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL COLLEGE SHOULD CONSIST OF THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATES OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

"B. THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST ONE THIRD OF THE SEATS ARE FILLED ON A CONTINUING BASIS BY THE HIGHEST RANKING STATES IDENTIFIED BY THE APPLICATION OF THE CRITERIA NOW IN USE FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE, VIZ ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVE LABOR FORCE.

"C. THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE IN SELECTING GOVERNMENTS TO FILL THE REMAINING SEATS, SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PRACTICE, THE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTIVITY OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP AS A WHOLE.

"3. PROVISIONS TO THE ABOVE EFFECT WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE 7."

3. THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ENVISAGE THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY BEYOND ITS PRESENT SIZE OF 56. THE WORDS IN SUB-PARAGRAPH B OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE ABOVE QUOTED STATEMENT "AT LEAST ONE THIRD OF THE SEATS" MEAN THAT TEN OF THE 28 GOVERNMENT SEATS ON THE 56-MEMBER GOVERNING BODY WILL BE FILLED BY THE ELECTION OF THE TEN STATES OF CHIEF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE. INASMUCH AS NINE IS LESS THAN ONE THIRD OF THE 28 GOVERNMENT SEATS, TEN OF THE SEATS WILL HAVE TO BE RESERVED FOR THE MOST INDUSTRIALIZED STATES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF "AT LEAST" ONE THIRD.

4. SUB-PARAGRAPH C OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE QUOTED STATEMENT IS CONSIDERABLY WEAKER THAN THE WORDING OF THE PRECEDING SUB-PARAGRAPH WHICH IS IN TERMS OF "SHALL ENSURE." SUB-PARAGRAPH C PROVIDES THAT THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PRACTICE, THE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTIVITY OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP AS A WHOLE. PRESENT PRACTICE IS THE INFORMAL GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NEGOTIATED AS TO THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO WHICH EACH GEOGRAPHIC GROUPING WOULD EXPECT TO BE ELECTED. THERE IS NO FORMAL FORMULA FOR THE REGIONAL ALLOCATION OF THOSE SEATS.

5. ALTHOUGH IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABOVE TEXT THAT THIS DRAFT REPRESENTED THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE SUB-GROUP, AND DID NOT IN ANY SENSE COMMIT THEIR GOVERNMENTS, USDEL

REITERATED THAT IT COULD TAKE NO POSITION ON THIS TEXT (EVEN  
THOUGH PARAGRAPH 2 C HAD BEEN DRASTICALLY REVISED TO MEET USDEL'S  
OBJECTIONS TO STRONGER WORDING) UNTIL AFTER IT HAD CONSULTED  
WITH WASHINGTON.

6. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THIS DRAFT WILL BE ACCEPTED  
BY THE THIRD WORLD SUB-GROUP. WHETHER IT CAN SERVE AS A  
BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL BECOME  
CLEARER AT THE 10 A.M. MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP AS  
A WHOLE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.DALE

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